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the best
BEAR
TRACKER







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I am the BEST bear tracker
in the world.

I know all the rules of bear tracking.

Before we set off,
this is what you need to bring.

BEAR TRACKING KIT



field glasses



net



flash
light



magnifying
glass



Compass



Camera



Snacks



water

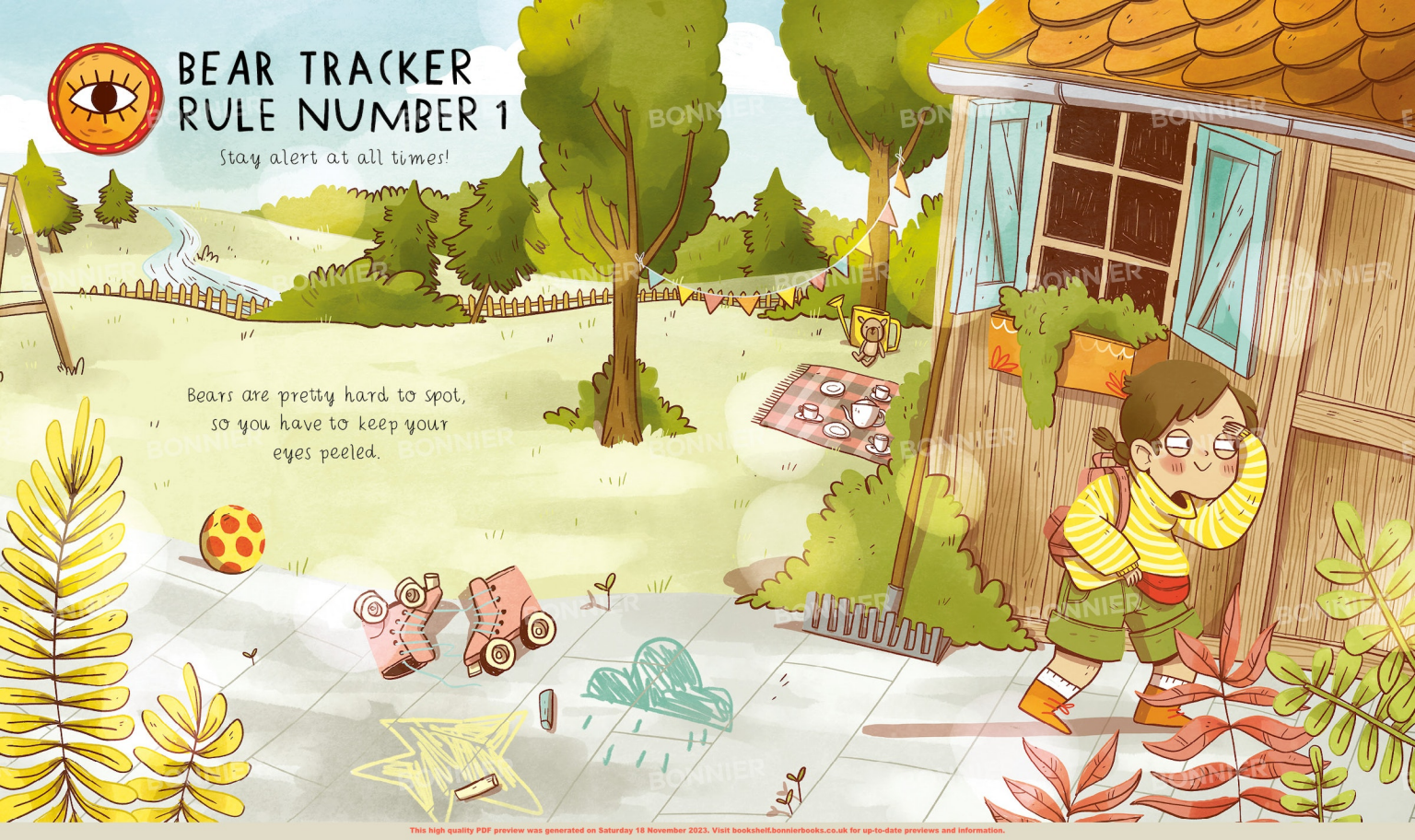
READY? Then follow me!



BEAR TRACKER RULE NUMBER 1

Stay alert at all times!

Bears are pretty hard to spot,
so you have to keep your
eyes peeled.



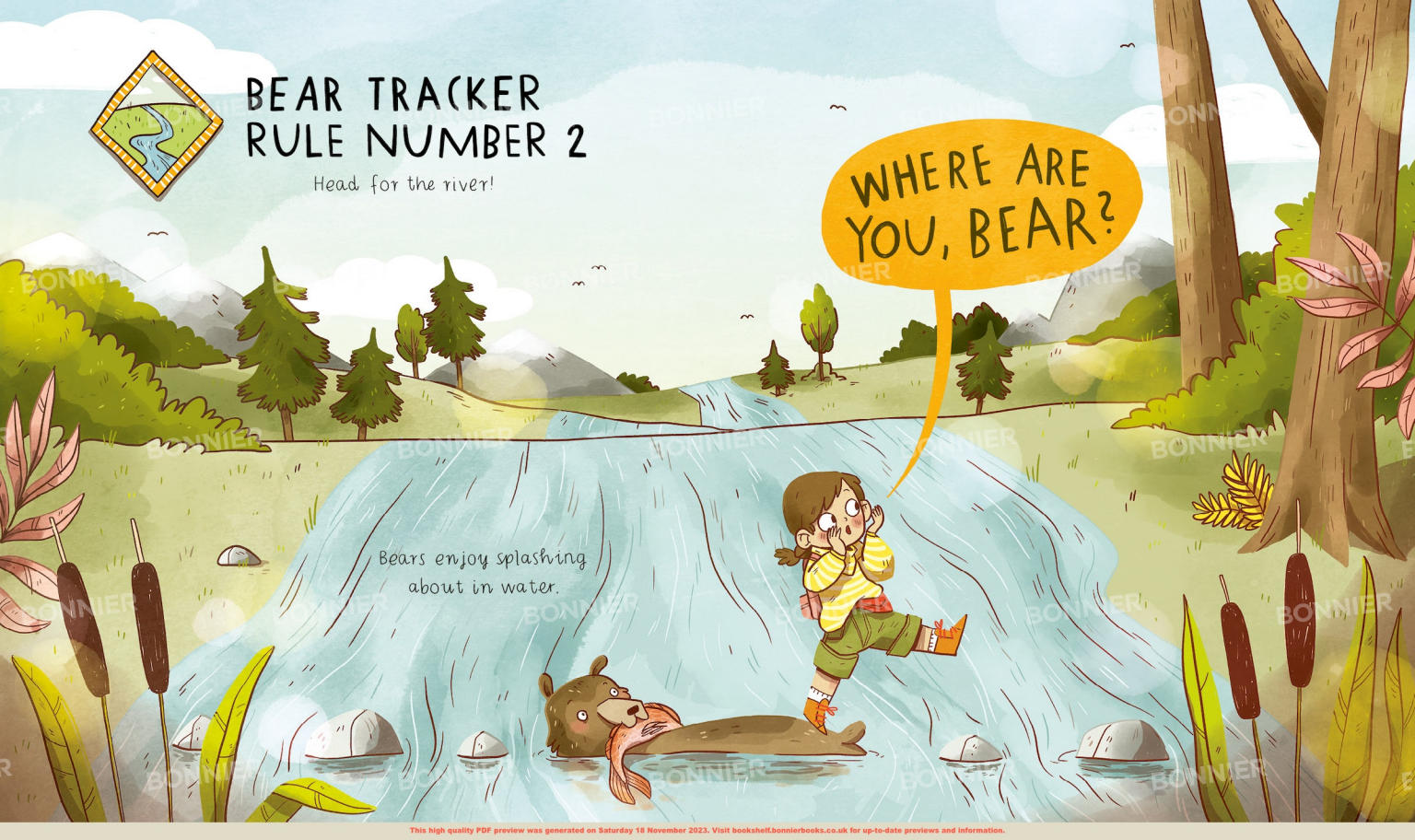


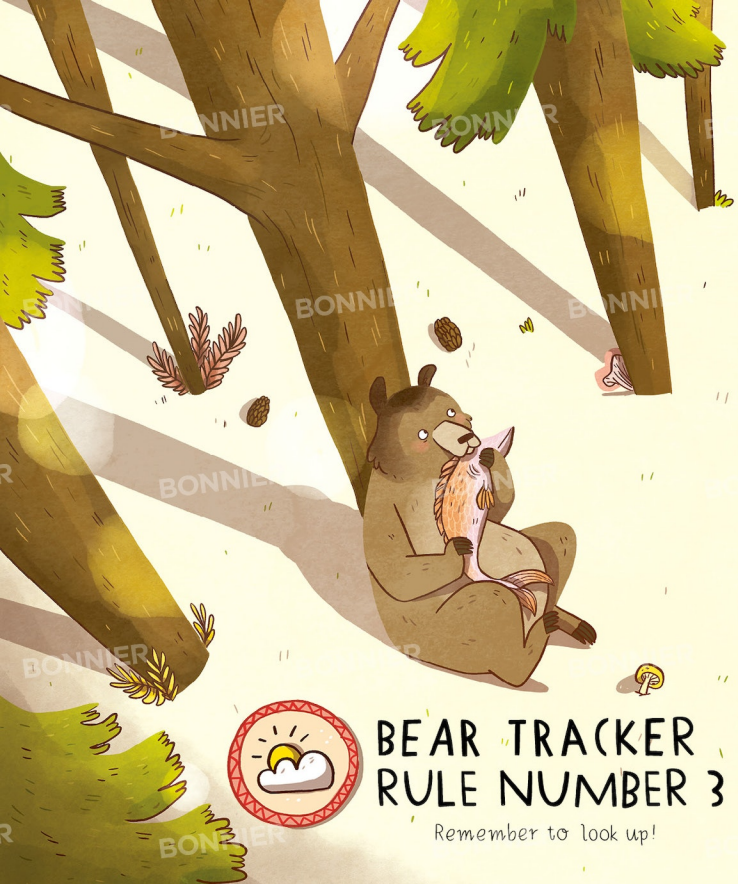
BEAR TRACKER RULE NUMBER 2

Head for the river!

WHERE ARE
YOU, BEAR?

Bears enjoy splashing
about in water.





BEAR TRACKER RULE NUMBER 3

Remember to look up!



Bears are always climbing trees in search of honey.

ARE YOU UP
HERE, BEAR?



BEAR TRACKER RULE NUMBER 4

Check behind bushes!

Bears just can't
resist berries.



YOOHOO, ARE YOU
IN HERE, BEAR?



BEAR TRACKER RULE NUMBER 5

Lure the bear out into the open!





BEAR TRACKER RULE NUMBER 6

Find a big gnarly tree!

Bears rub
against them!

OOH, YEAH,
I CAN SEE
WHY!



BEAR TRACKER RULE NUMBER 7

Look for footprints!

You never know where
you might find them.



Or where they
will lead you.



BEAR TRACKER RULE NUMBER 8

Always be brave!



But I'm going
in anyway...

...because I'm going to
find that bear.

I HAVE TO!

Some bears hide in dark caves... like this one.
And some people are scared of the dark... like me.





BEAR TRACKER RULE NUMBER 9

Tread carefully!

You don't want to startle
a sleeping bear.



ARE YOU IN HERE,
BEAAAAAR?





BEAR TRACKER RULE NUMBER 10

Never give up!



If you haven't found the bear,
retrace your footsteps...

...because you might have missed
a teeny clue somewhere
along the way.



I AM
**THE BEST
BEAR TRACKER**

IN THE WORLD AFTER ALL!



No, don't be silly...
...there aren't any **REAL** bears
around here.



